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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION (RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)

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This is in response to the first office action (restriction requirement) for the above-identified application mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on October 6, 2004. This response is being filed within the shortened statutory response period of one month set in the action.

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this document.

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ELECTION

The office action (restriction requirement) identified the following groups of claims and required an election of one of the groups for prosecution in the present application.

Group I: Claims 1-12, 23-31 and 36-41, drawn to a receptacle.

Group II: Claims 13-22 and 32-35, drawn to a plug.

The Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-12, 12-31 and 36-41).